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To find out more info on a program or event: look for the acronym (for example, CCD stands for Cold Creek Docents) at the end of the program description, then see **Page 2** for the agency or organization to call.

You may also contact:

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Santa Monica Mountains
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401 West Hillcrest Drive,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
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www.nps.gov/samo

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(closed on some holidays)

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AND IT ALL BELONGS TO YOU.

LET PBS AND KEN BURNS
GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR
BEGINNING SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009.



October

SAT 10/3 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Saddle Peak Loop Hike For this 11-mile, 2300' gain loop hike (short car shuttle), meet on Old Topanga Cyn Rd, 0.5 mile north of Topanga Cyn Blvd; limited parking on street. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag Alert cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 6hrs SC

SAT 10/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/3 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamtb.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 10/3 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
 -Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 10/3 10am

Franklin Canyon
 -Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic Franklin Canyon is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

Spirit of the
Mountains
 PHOTO CONTEST
 2009



Submit your entries for the 2009 Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest from October 1 – 31, 2009

Help celebrate 30 years of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This year's challenge category is Memories of the Mountains—share special memories of the Santa Monica Mountains in family or historic photos.

Info: National Park Service at 805-370-2301 or www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo

Photographer:
 Carol LaCorte,
 2008 Spirit of the
 Mountains Photo
 Contest Winner –
 1st Place
 Plants Category

Topanga Canyon Docents

35th Annual **Docent Training**

Topanga State Park

October 3 –December 5 Saturdays, 9:30am

Become a docent. Learn the history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others. Topics include Native Americans, plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. FEE. 6 hours each class.

Reservations: 310-455-2558



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Landscaping with Native Plants and Not Embarrassing Your Kids

**October 3
Saturday 2pm**

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Robert Sussman of Matilija Nursery gives tips on how to keep your home landscape of native plants looking good. He'll also include a section on incorporating beautiful native irises into your landscape plan. Handouts will be available.

1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 10/3

6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/3

7pm

Franklin Canyon
-Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Enjoy the stars, take in city views, and look and listen for wildlife. A moderately strenuous hike for all ages. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/4

8am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, optional bird book, water and a snack. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS



*Cold Creek
Docents*

**YOUR SPIRIT WILL SOAR
HELPING KIDS LEARN
ABOUT NATURE!**

**Six Monday morning
training sessions in
October and November.**

Lead nature walks with small groups of elementary students at beautiful UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve in Calabasas.

Learn about the cultural and natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains, interpretive techniques and more. Enjoy our special workshop to make Native artifacts to illustrate Native ways.

Info: 818-591-9363

SUN 10/4

9am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek An invigorating hike covering the canyon from top to bottom. Learn canyon history and habitat along the way. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/4

9am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles A long time observer of this site's many faces takes you on the ultimate discovery walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/4 10am*Franklin Canyon*

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin For
 ages 3-12 accompanied by an
 adult. Join us on a walk and
 create a take-home nature art
 project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/4 10a-12p & 1p-3p*Satwiwa Native American**Indian Culture Center*

Free Cultural Program
 Design a gourd necklace with
Nadiya Littlewarrior. All ages
 welcome. Info: 805-370-2301.
 NPS

SUN 10/4 1pm*Franklin Canyon*

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
**Canyon Poses – Yoga in
 the Park** Join us for stretch-
 ing, relaxation, and breathing
 exercises in the fresh air. Open
 to families with children age 3
 and up. Bring pillow, towel and
 light blanket. 1hr MRCA

SUN 10/4 2pm*Franklin Canyon*

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Natural Creation Ages 12 and
 up, express your creative side
 in craft and art projects using
 natural objects. Bring your
 show and tell. 2hrs MRCA

Tuesdays at 9am**Malibu Lagoon State Beach**

**A Children's Tour
 of the Adamson House,
 Malibu Lagoon Museum,
 and Malibu Lagoon**

**View life as lived at
 the house in the 1930's,
 Chumash culture, plus
 birds, fish, and tidepools
 at the lagoon. 2.5 hours
 MLMD**

Reservations required:

**310-456-8432
 or 310-317-8379**

TUE 10/6 9am*Zuma/Trancas Canyons*

**Moderate Hikers: Backbone
 Trail - Kanan Dume Rd. to
 Encinal Cyn Rd** Moderately-
 paced 10-mile roundtrip, 2200'
 gain hike (shorter 4-6 mile
 option). Hike pass Newton Cyn
 Falls before entering Zuma/
 Trancas Canyons. Bring water
 and lunch. If Red Flag Alert,
 meet below Santa Monica Pier
 at 9 am. Info: 818-501-1225.
 5hrs SC


**Garden Tours
 at the Historic
 Adamson House**
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach***Tuesdays at 10am**

For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservation required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small
 groups (no reservations
 are required).

Meet docent at the Gate
 House for a one-hour tour.
 FEE Required.

SAT 10/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
 No experience necessary. Info
 or for a current schedule: 818-
 222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and
 maintain trails. Tools and
 instructions provided. Bring
 gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
 shoes. Reservations required:
 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/10 8:45am

Topanga State Park
**Lower Topanga Creek Resto-
 ration** The creek was returned
 to its historic channel in 2008.
 Help plant, water and weed.
 Bring water, snack, and sturdy
 footwear. Receive credit for
 community service. Reserva-
 tions required: volunteer@
 treepeople.org or 818-591-1701
 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

California State Parks

**For current program information
 at Leo Carrillo and Point Mugu
 State Parks, please visit:**

www.malibuinterp.com



SAT 10/10 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 10/10 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Paint-out Enjoy colorful subject matter including the merry-go-round, ferris wheel and views of the bay and coastline. All artists welcome. Meet at the front of Santa Monica Pier, near the sign. Info: allied-artist.com or 310-338-0333. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 10/10 2pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches, and leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/10 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Into the Night – Birds and Beyond Meet the animals that fly, scurry, stalk, and buzz at night. Bring binoculars for a stroll around the lake. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/10 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Nighttime in Nature Discover the nightlife of wildlife in the mountains. Enjoy a pizza dinner before our hike and craft. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. Fee. 3hrs MRT


SUN 10/11 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats of Gillette Ranch. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Meet at the Botanic Center. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/11 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
-Tapia Unit
Weed War Is Recruiting Weed Warriors for Coastweeks Remove weeds near streams to let native roses, oaks and elderberries grow back. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Community service credit given. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/11 10a-12p & 1p-3p

Satwiwa Native American
 *Indian Culture Center*
Free Cultural Program
Create shell and bead necklaces or make a ring toss game with *Julia Bogany*. All ages welcome. Info 805-370-2301. NPS

TUE 10/13 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: De Anza Park to Malibu Creek State Park Join us on an 8-mile loop, 1000' gain hike on Talapop, Phantom Ranch and connecting trails (shorter 4-6 mile option). Meet at intersection of Mulholland Hwy & Las Virgenes/Malibu Cyn Rd. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 9am. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

WED 10/14 7pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering Be a part of the circle with friends and enrichment, Native American style. These social evenings will focus on native cultures through hands-on learning, guest speakers, and shared meals. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/17 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
-Lower Trailhead
Chaparral Chatter After a hot dry summer, the chaparral eagerly anticipates winter rains. Explore the survival techniques and plant adaptations of this unique plant community, found only in 5 places on earth. Bring water and snack. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available. FEE. 12 hours.

Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents
310-456-8432

SAT 10/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/17 9:30am

Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park (Mulholland Dr. & Desmond Estates Rd). 2hrs FORC

SAT 10/17 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek On this docent-led walk along the creek through a wooded valley, learn about animals, plants, early inhabitants and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 10/17 10am

Franklin Canyon

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Bugs and Their Adventures Get a close look at the world of insects and their interrelationships with plants on this easy jaunt. 2-3hrs MRCA

SAT 10/17 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the Botanic Center. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/17 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
New Moon Manifesting Join us for a powerful guided meditation and manifest your dreams into reality. Some light hiking. Bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 10/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds

in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796, Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 10/18 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Planting, weeding and watering will restore trees, wildflowers, shrubs and grasses on which the wildlife depend for food, nesting and safety. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/18 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Temescal-Will Rogers Ramble Moderate 5-6 mile hike with ocean views. Meet in first parking lot at left after entrance. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 3hrs SC

SUN 10/18 9:30am

Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains

Environmental Education Training Autumn 2009

Like working with school children?
 Like to be outdoors interpreting nature?
 Want to do something positive for the environment?

For more information:

818-597-8627 x103 or rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com



ALLIED ARTISTS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS & SEASHORE

7th Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

Malibu Nature Preserve

(33905 PCH, formerly Malibu Riding & Tennis Club)

October 18 Sunday, 11am to 5pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy the beautiful grounds, ocean views, and towering sycamores. Refreshments served. Artists will donate 20% to Nature Preserve of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Information: 310-457-9130

Cold Creek Preserve

-Preserve's Lower Gate

Autumn's Allure Enjoy the transformation of the seasons in an early fall hike. Bring water and a snack. 2hrs CCD

SUN 10/18 2pm

Franklin Canyon

-Franklin Canyon Ranch

Capture A Nature Moment

Learn the tricks of nature photography while enjoying Franklin Canyon. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 10/20 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Peak 2036

from Bienveneda/Leacock

Trail This is a 9-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Peak 2036, a purported foundation of a Will Rogers outbuilding (shorter 4-6 mile option). Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave (0.5 mile west

of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north on Bienveneda). Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 9 am. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

TUE 10/20 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series "Malibu Potteries – Stories in the Tile" Historian Cristi Walden



will introduce us to the Golden Age of Malibu Potteries distinctive designs, famous artisans, and innovative manufacturing techniques. Meet at Woodland Hall. Info: 310-858-7272 x115. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 10/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/24 8:30am

KIDS AND NATURE The *UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve* contributes to the **LA Times Kids' Reading by Nine** literacy program. Articles on plants and animals, with illustrations by children ages 5-12, occur regularly in the *Learning Links* section of the *Kids Reading Room* on-line page: <http://www.latimes.com/features/kids/readingroom/>

To review previous articles:
<http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html>

Temescal Canyon Association Monthly Sunday Hikes

Meet at 9am at Temescal Gateway Park (meet in parking lot closest to Sunset Blvd). We will carpool to trailhead. Hikes are about 8 miles and last 5-6 hours. Call or visit our website for complete details. 310-459-5931

www.temcanyon.org



Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/24 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration - Commemorative Oaks: Volunteers Needed on Make a Difference Day On this annual nationwide celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, help restore/enhance the homes of our native neighbors – the birds and animals of our natural lands. Individuals, families and groups are invited.

Receive credit for community service hours. Bring water and gloves. Bring your lunch and picnic in the park. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 10/24 9am

Franklin Canyon
-Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles A long time observer of this site's many faces takes you on the ultimate discovery walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/24 10am-4pm

Circle X Ranch
8th Annual Cider at Circle X Come visit a site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. We'll have cider, cookies and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. Park staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. Contact station is 5.4 miles north on Yerba Buena Rd from Pacific Coast Highway. NPS

SAT 10/24 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Sunset Nature Walk Join us on a naturalist-led hike through the meadow and oak groves to overlook the coast. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 10/25 8:45am

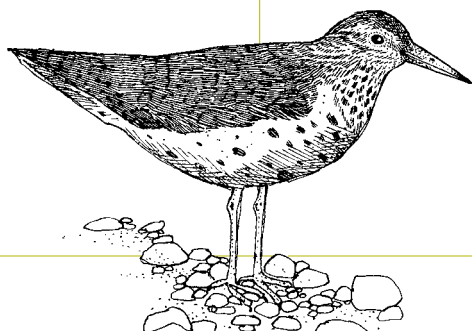
Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration Volunteers needed to restore wildlife habitat and to add to the beauty of the park. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/25 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea On this two-mile ramble, enjoy views of mountains and sea. Walk on the beach. Return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

TUE 10/27 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Cyn via Wirebreak Join us on a 7-mile, 1000' gain hike to Trippet Ranch via the re-engineered Wirebreak (shorter 4-6 mile option). Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (from Hwy1, north 0.5 mile on Sunset Blvd, left 2.5 mile on Palisades Dr ,



*Untitled by Lilian Darling Holt,
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2008 Winner – 3rd Place,
Animals Category*

left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 9 am. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/27 **7pm**
Headwaters Corner

Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 10/31 **8:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/31 **8:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
are required).

Meet docent at the Gate
House for a one-hour tour.
FEE Required.

SUN 11/1 8am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and
beginners will enjoy discover-
ing the ways of the birds. Bring
binoculars, hat, optional bird
book, water and a snack. Info:
310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 11/1 9am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek An invigorating
hike covering the canyon from
top to bottom including shaded
trails to sun-baked steep paths.
Learn canyon history and habi-
tat along the way. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/1 10am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin For
ages 3-12 accompanied by an
adult, join us on a walk and
create a take-home nature art
project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/1 1pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
**Canyon Poses – Yoga in
the Park** Join us for stretch-
ing, relaxation, and breathing
exercises in the fresh air. Open
to families with children 3 yrs
and up. Bring pillow, towel and
light blanket. 1hr MRCA

SUN 11/1 2pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Natural Creation Ages 12 and
up, express your creative side
in craft and art projects using
natural objects. Bring your
show and tell. 2hrs MRCA



SUN 11/1 5pm

Franklin Canyon
-Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
stars, take in the city views,
plus look and listen for wildlife.
A moderately strenuous hike
for all ages. 2hrs MRCA

MON 11/2 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Meet at the
upper parking lot. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364. \$4
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 11/3 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
**Moderate Hikers: Backbone
Trail - Tapia Park to Mesa
Peak (1844')** This is part of a
series of hikes (on successive
Tuesday mornings) to highest/
interesting peaks in the Santa
Monica Mtns. Moderate 7-mile,
roundtrip, 1800'gain hike to
Mesa Peak for great ocean
views. Meet on shoulder of
Piuma Rd at intersection with
Malibu Cyn Rd. Bring water
and lunch. Rain cancels. Info:
310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

SAT 11/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails.
No experience necessary. Info
or for a current schedule: 818-
222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and
maintain trails. Tools and
instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
shoes. Reservations required:
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

Backbone Festival Hikes

Each of the first three Saturdays and Sundays in November and the first weekend in December, the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter will lead a hike on the 70-mile Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail.

November 7 **Saturday, 8:45am**

Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Tapia to Kanan Dume Road Moderate paced 10-mile, 2000' gain hike from Malibu Canyon Road, past Mesa Peak, Elephant Rocks, Castro Peak to Kanan Dume Road. Car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Call for parking instructions and more info: 310-820-8021. 5hrs

November 8 **Sunday, 8:30am**

Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Corral Canyon to Kanan Road Easy 7-mile hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 3hrs

November 14 **Saturday, 8:30am**

Will Rogers State Historic Park

Will Rogers SP - Temescal Canyon Loop

Very strenuous 14-mile, 2500' gain loop hike from Will Rogers State Park on the eastern end of the Backbone Trail, down Temescal Cyn and back to Will Rogers. Meet near kiosk. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-398-6344. 6hrs

November 15 **Sunday, 9am**

Point Mugu State Park

-Ray Miller Trailhead

Ray Miller Trail Loop Moderate 8-mile, 1400' gain loop hike at the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Cyn. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

November 21 **Saturday, 9am**

Santa Monica Mountains

Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak Moderately strenuous 10-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike on a favorite portion of the Backbone Trail, to lunch at peak. Meet at the trailhead on Old Topanga Cyn Road, at a turn-out ½ mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Bring water, lunch, and lug-soles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-990-7643. 5hrs

November 22 **Sunday, 9am**

Topanga State Park

-Dead Horse Trailhead

Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-885-1920.

December 5 **Saturday, 9am**

Circle X Ranch

-Mishe Mokwa Trailhead

Mishe Mokwa to Tri-Peaks: Tri-Peaks-Sandstone Peak Strenuous 10-mile loop, 2500' gain hike on scenic Boney Mountain trails. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 5hrs

December 6 **Sunday, 9am**

Santa Monica Mountains

Tapia Park to Mesa Peak Moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Mesa Peak (1844') for spectacular ocean views. Meet on shoulder of Piuma Road at intersection with Malibu Canyon Road. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs

SAT 11/7 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Planting, weeding and watering will restore trees, wildflowers, shrubs and grasses on which the wildlife depend for food, nesting and safety. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/7 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbambt.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 11/7 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
-Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 11/7 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 11/7 10am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic Franklin Canyon is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/7 2pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/8 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats of Gillette Ranch. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Meet at the Botanic Center. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 11/8 8:45am

Solstice Canyon
Weed War Is Recruiting Volunteers Help remove the false caper (*Euphorbia terracina*), an invasive plant, that has taken over acres of coastal canyons and hillsides. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/8 9am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles A long time observer of this site's many faces takes you on the ultimate discovery walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/8 10a-12p & 1p-3p

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
 **Free Cultural Program**

Create round reed basketry/tule dolls with *Kat High*. All ages are welcome. Info: 805-370-2301. NPS

TUE 11/10 9am

Topanga State Park - Los Liones Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Parker Mesa Overlook (1530') This is the 2nd in a series of hikes (see 11/3). Moderate 7-mile, roundtrip, 1500' gain hike on steep trails from Los Liones Cyn to ocean overlook. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC





WED 11/11 7pm

Franklin Canyon

**-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering** Be a part of the circle with friends and enrichment, Native American style. These social evenings will focus on native cultures through hands-on learning, guest speakers, and shared meals. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/14 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help restore wildlife habitat and add to the beauty of the park. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

Untitled (Malibu Creek State Park)

by Chuck Kopczak,

Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest

2008 Winner – Honorable Mention,
Scenic Shots Category

SAT 11/14 9:30am

Peter Strauss Ranch

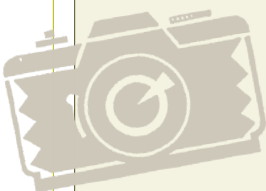
Paint-out Enjoy the spectacular oranges, reds, and yellows of the sycamores, the ranch house, and views of Paramount Peak. All artists welcome. Info: allied-artist.com or 310-338-0333. 4hrs AASMM

2009 SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAINS PHOTO EXHIBIT

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR CENTER

*Join us for a big photo afternoon,
combining three events!*

OPENING/AWARDS & LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE AND PHOTO CONTEST CRITIQUE



**November 14, 2009
Saturday at 1:30pm**

1:30pm:

Meet the photographers and view their entries as we open the show and announce the winners of this year's contest which will be on display through January 31, 2010.

2pm:

Join professional photographers Tom Gamache (Photographer of *Range on the Edge / The Santa Monica Mountains*) and Van Webster for a special Landscape Photography lecture presentation.

2:45pm:

Immediately following the lecture, Tom Gamache will conduct an intimate and constructive critique of the photos in the *Spirit of the Mountains* photography contest.

Light refreshments will be served after the critique.

INFO: 805-370-2301

SAT 11/14 2pm

King Gillette Ranch

Capture A Nature Moment

Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the Botanic Center. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/14 4pm

Franklin Canyon

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Into the Night – Birds and Beyond Meet the animals that fly, scurry, stalk, and buzz at night. Bring binoculars for a stroll around the lake. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796, Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 11/15 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains

La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Help remove invasive non-native plants to create wildlife habitat. Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/15 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

-Preserve's Lower Gate

Autumn Canyon Walk See the subtle changes in nature, rocky grottoes, gurgling marsh, and oak woodlands. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 11/15 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Morning Nature Walk Join us on a naturalist-led hike through the meadow and oak groves in search of migratory birds, and other signs of the season. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 11/15 2pm

Franklin Canyon
-*Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Capture A Nature Moment Learn the tricks of nature photography while enjoying Franklin Canyon. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/15 4pm

Franklin Canyon
-*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Music in the Mountains Bring a didgeridoo, native drum, flute, clapper stick or shaker. Connect with the spirit of nature as we focus on meditative rhythms. 1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 11/17 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Cyn to Eagle Rock (1957') This is the 3rd in a series of Santa Monica Mountains peak-bagging hikes (see 11/3). Moderately paced 8-mile, 1500' gain hike. Includes Santa Ynez Cyn trail, Musch Trail, and panoramic views from ridges. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (from PCH, north on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left on Palisades Dr 2.5 miles, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

Tuesdays at 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required: 310-456-8432 or 310-317-8379

TUE 11/17 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series This evening's program continues a monthly tradition of offering free, quality entertainment in a great atmosphere. Learn something new and enjoy a cup of coffee with regional and national talents. Meet at Woodland Hall. Info: 310-858-7272 x115. 1.5hrs MRCA

WED 11/18 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Artists and want-to-be-artists, bring your sketches and painting materials and join in! More info: Ed 805-492-0464. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 11/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/21 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
-*Lower Trailhead*
Chaparral Chatter After a hot dry summer, the chaparral eagerly anticipates winter rains. Explore the survival techniques and plant adaptations of this unique plant community found only in 5 places on earth. Bring water and snack. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 11/21 8:45am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Restoration The creek was returned to its historic channel in 2008. This year, creekside native vegetation is being planted, watered and weeded by volunteers. Bring, water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/21 10am

Franklin Canyon
-*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Bugs and Their Adventures Get a close look at the world of insects and their interrelationships with plants on this easy jaunt. 2-3hrs MRCA

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL OTOÑO

The Wonders of Fall

Bilingual Hike

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Sábado, Noviembre 21 10am

Los días se hacen más cortos y los árboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver qué otras cosas el otoño nos trae.

Favor traiga comida, agua, chamarra y zapatos cómodos. Gratis. Para direcciones vea #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) del mapa incluido al final de este librito. Encuéntrenos en el estacionamiento principal. 3 horas.

Información: Antonio 805-370-2363.

Saturday, November 21 10am

The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes fall season brings to our mountains by joining us on this bilingual exploration hike. Program will be led in Spanish and English. Bring lunch, water, jacket, and comfortable shoes. 3 hours Info: 805-370-2301.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 11/21 11am

Franklin Canyon

-Franklin Canyon Ranch

SoCal Rocks and Rolls Come explore the geology and fault lines that create California's unique moves. A handout is included in earthquake preparedness. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/21 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner

Youth Naturalist Program:

Astronomy Ages 8-12 will learn about the night sky using telescopes. Guest speakers will guide us through the stars, planets, nebulae and constellation. Bring a flashlight and a shoebox with a lid. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

New and Rare Lichens from the Santa Monica Mountains and Channel Islands

**November 21
Saturday 2pm**

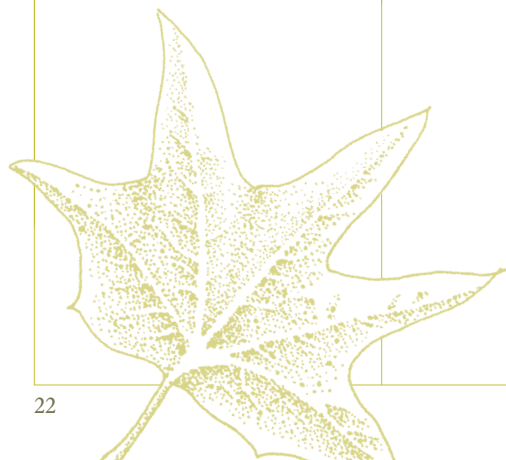
National Park Service
Visitor Center

Join lichenologist
Kerry Knudsen as he
shares his latest discoveries.

Learn some exciting
new facts about lichens,
the combination of fungus
and alga seen on rocks and
trees throughout our area.

1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301



SAT 11/22 8:30am

Topanga State Park
-Los Lions Trailhead

Parker Mesa Overlook On this 8-mile moderate hike, enjoy views of the coast at the overlook (1,525') as well as views of coastal chaparral and the L.A. basin. Bring snack and 2 quarts water; wear hat and sunscreen. Rain cancels. 4hrs CWC

SUN 11/22 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park


Bluffs Ramble to the Sea On this two-mile ramble, enjoy views of mountains and sea. Walk on the beach. Return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 11/22 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek On this docent-led walk along the creek through a wooded valley, learn about animals, plants, early inhabitants and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 11/22 10a-12p & 1p-3p

Satwiwa Native American

 **Indian Culture Center**
Free Workshop Learn how to carve stone from master carver *Ted Garcia*. For ages 16 and up due to the nature of the activity. Info: 805-370-2301. NPS

TUE 11/24 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Bienveneda/Leacock Trail to Temescal Peak (2126') This is the 4th in a series of Santa Monica Mountains peak-bagging hikes (see 11/3). Moderate 8-mile, roundtrip, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Cyn Peak past Skull Rock to Temescal Peak, the tallest peak in Topanga State Park. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave. (0.5 mile, west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1-mile north on Bienveneda). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/24 7pm

Headwaters Corner

Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 11/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/28 9am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles A long time observer of this site's many faces takes you on the ultimate discovery walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA



Fungus Among Us by Gary Goldstein,
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2008 Winner – 3rd Place, *Plants* Category

TUE 12/1 9:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Moderate Hikers: La Jolla Valley- Mugu Peak (1266')
 This is the 5th in a series of Santa Monica Mountains peak-bagging hikes (see 11/3). Moderately paced 8-mile, roundtrip, 1300' gain hike. Great views of mountains/sea through coastal sage and grasslands. Meet at La Jolla Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

TUE 12/1 7pm

Franklin Canyon
-Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Enjoy the stars, take in city views, and look and listen for wildlife. A moderately strenuous hike for all ages. 2hrs MRCA

WED 12/2 10am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting
 Artists and want-to-be-artists, bring your sketches and painting materials and join in! More info: Pat 805-583-8044. 4hrs TOPAW

WED 12/2 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 12/5 8:30am

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Tuesdays at 9am

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View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

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310-456-8432
or 310-317-8379

Historic Adamson House

at Malibu Lagoon State Beach



Christmas Holiday Evening Tours

December 4, 11, and 18

Special Friday evening tours of the festively decorated Adamson House. 1.5 hour tour. Call for times and reservations. FEE

Garden Tours

Tuesdays at 10am For groups of 10 or more.

Fridays at 10am For individuals and small groups.

Meet decent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour.

Reservation required for groups of 10 or more. FEE

For times and reservations: 310-456-8432

SAT 12/5 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Planting, weeding and watering will restore trees, wildflowers, shrubs and grasses on which the wildlife depend for food, nesting and safety. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamtb.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 12/5 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Outdoor Survival Ages 8-12 will learn how to not get lost; then learn how to stay safe and comfortable if lost. Make a lean-to shelter. Bring a compass for a scavenger hunt. Bring lunch, water, and compass; wear sturdy shoes. FEE. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/5 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
-Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 12/5 10am

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-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic Franklin Canyon is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 12/5 2pm

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 12/6 8am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, optional bird book, water and a snack. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 12/6 9am

Point Mugu State Park
Big Sycamore Cyn to Serrano Canyon This 9-mile, 1100' gain moderate-plus hike takes us through Big Sycamore Canyon, up Serrano Canyon, through Serrano Valley and up to a ridge with views of Boney Mountains and the ocean. Bring lunch and 2 quarts of water. Rain cancels. 6hrs CWC

SUN 12/6 9am

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Nature Rambles A long time observer of this site's many faces takes you on the ultimate discovery walk. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

Temescal Canyon Association **Monthly Sunday Hikes**

Meet at 9am at Temescal Gateway Park (meet in parking lot closest to Sunset Blvd). We will carpool to trailhead. Hikes are about 8 miles and last 5-6 hours. Call or visit our website for complete details. 310-459-5931

www.temcanyon.org



SUN 12/6 10am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin For ages 3-12 accompanied by an adult, join us on a walk and create a take-home nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 12/6 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Winter Nature Walk Join us on a naturalist-led hike through the meadow and oak groves in search of tracks, winter birds, and earliest winter wildflowers. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD



Satwiwa Winter Solstice GUEST ARTIST SHOW & SALE

Sunday, December 6

10am–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a day full of hand crafted art, music, storytelling, and family fun. Purchase beautiful and unique Native American art for the holidays and meet local artists. All ages are welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

June Gloom by Benjamin Kuo,
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2008 Winner – Honorable Mention,
Scenic Shots Category

SUN 12/6 1pm

Franklin Canyon

–Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Canyon Poses – Yoga in the Park Join us for stretching, relaxation, and breathing exercises in the fresh air. Open to families with children 3 yrs and up. Bring pillow, towel and light blanket. 1hr MRCA

SUN 12/6 2pm

Franklin Canyon

–Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Natural Creation Ages 12 and up, express your creative side in craft and art projects using natural objects. Bring your show and tell. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 12/8 9:30am

Circle X Ranch

–Mishe Mowka Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Tri Peaks (3010') This is the 6th in a series of Santa Monica Mountains peak-bagging hikes (see 11/3). Moderately paced 9-mile, loop, 1500' gain hike on Boney Mountain on scenic trails past Balanced Rock, Split Rock and Echo Cliffs. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 5hrs SC

Santa Monica Mountains Photography Workshop

THE 'MASTERS PROGRAM' AND 'DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMP'

December 10 - 13, 2009

Thursday to Sunday - noon to noon

Noted photographers **Tom Gamache** and **Van Webster** share their knowledge, insights, techniques and pro secrets on how to create landscape art photographs in this classroom and field workshop. See Tom's work at: www.tomgamache.com

Presented in conjunction with UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve.



INFO:

Sheila Braden (NPS) at sheila_braden@nps.gov
(805) 370-2394 or

Carol Felixson (UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve) at cfelixson@ucla.edu
(310) 206-3687

WED 12/9 7pm

Franklin Canyon

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering Be a part of the circle with friends and enrichment, Native American style. These social evenings will focus on native cultures through hands-on learning, guest speakers, and shared meals. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 12/12 8:30am

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SAT 12/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/12 8:45am

Topanga State Park

Lower Topanga Creek Restoration The creek was returned to its historic channel in 2008. This year, creekside native vegetation is being planted, watered and weeded by volunteers. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/12 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

Paint-out This ranch includes old frontier style buildings from a Hollywood set, trails into the mountains, oak groves, and winding creekbeds. All artists welcome. Info: allied-artist.com or 310-338-0333. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 12/12 3:30pm

Franklin Canyon

-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Into the Night – Birds and Beyond Meet the animals that fly, scurry, stalk, and buzz at night. Bring binoculars for a stroll around the lake. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 12/13 8am

King Gillette Ranch

Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays

All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats of Gillette Ranch. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Meet at the Botanic Center. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 12/13 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Weed War Is Recruiting

Volunteers Help commemorate the lives of some CNPS members by tending the CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove where 20th Century Fox warehouse and heavy equipment were once stored. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/13 10am

Cold Creek Preserve

-Preserve's Lower Gate

Easing into Winter Savor subtle landscape changes as winter moves into chaparral canyon woodlands in the pristine preserve. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 12/13 10a-12p & 1p-3p

Satwiwa Native American

Indian Culture Center

 **Free Workshop** Create corn husk dolls with *Kathryn James*. All ages welcome. Info 805-370-2301. NPS

SUN 12/13 2pm

Franklin Canyon

-Franklin Canyon Ranch

Capture A Nature Moment

Learn the tricks of nature photography while enjoying Franklin Canyon. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 12/13 3:30pm

Franklin Canyon

-Franklin Canyon Ranch

Sunset Meditation Hike On this moderately strenuous 3.5-mile hike, heighten your awareness and connect with the spirit of our Sun on peaceful guided meditations. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 12/15 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Backbone

Trail - Hondo Cyn - Fire

Lookout (2300') This is the 7th in a series of Santa Monica Mountains peak-bagging hikes (see 11/3). Moderate 9-mile, roundtrip, 1800' gain hike on Backbone Trail to fire lookout. Meet at trailhead (take Old Topanga Rd 0.5 mile, from Topanga Cyn Blvd; very limited parking on street). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 5hrs SC

TUE 12/15 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series "Illuminating the Winter Solstice"

Travel through the ages and world cultures with Lisa Ann Carrillo, MRCA Director of Public Programs, and delve into the evolution of Winter Solstice celebrations around the globe. Libations included. Meet at Woodland Hall 310-858-7272 x115. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 12/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails.

No experience necessary. Info or for a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and

maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/19 8:30am

Caballero Canyon

-Lower Trailhead

Chaparral Chatter After a hot dry summer, the chaparral eagerly anticipates winter rains. Explore the survival techniques and plant adaptations of this unique plant community, found only in 5 places on earth. Bring water and snack. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS



SAT 12/19 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed
The Commemorative Oaks Program plants and cares for native oaks, shrubs and grasses throughout the park to restore wildlife habitat and to add to the beauty of the park. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/19 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 12/19 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek On this docent-led walk along the creek through a wooded valley, learn about animals, plants, early inhabitants and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 12/19 10am

Franklin Canyon
-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Bugs and Their Adventures
Get a close look at the world of insects and their interrelationships with plants on this easy jaunt. 2-3hrs MRCA

SAT 12/19 3:30pm

Franklin Canyon
-Franklin Canyon Ranch
Winter Solstice Hike Join us on a moderate hike to learn about seasonal changes, planets and constellations. 3hrs MRCA

SUN 12/20 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796, Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 12/20 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Help remove invasive non-native plants to create wildlife habitat. If it has rained, we will plant willows and/or acorns. Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to caravan to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

TUE 12/22 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Moderate Hikers: Malibu Creek State Park-Paramount Peak (1800') This is the 8th in a series of Santa Monica Mountains peak-bagging hikes (see 11/3). Join us for a 9-mile, roundtrip, 1200' gain hike to movie sets at Paramount Ranch before we climb Paramount Peak. Park in 2nd lot. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-440-3994. 5hrs SC

TUE 12/22 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 12/26 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SUN 12/27 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
On this two-mile ramble, enjoy views of mountains and sea. Walk on the beach. Return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

TUE 12/29 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Gizmo Peak (1927') from Mandeville Cyn Rendezvous Hike
This is the 9th in a series of hikes. Moderately paced 8-mile, roundtrip, 1100' gain hike with rendezvous lunch at Nike Site before "scaling" Gizmo Peak. Optional shorter 4-6-mile hike. Meet at Gardenland Rd(Sunset Blvd to Mandeville Cyn Rd, north 4.5mile, to Gardenland Rd on left). Limited parking; carpool if possible. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-922-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 12/29 9:30am

Caballero Canyon
Moderate Hikers: Gizmo Peak (1927') from Reseda Rendezvous Hike This is the 10th in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Moderate 6-mile, roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Mandeville Cyn to rendezvous for lunch at Nike Site before "scaling" Gizmo Peak. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-786-4932. 3hrs SC

Hiking & Safety Tips



Canyon Serenity by Gary Goldstein, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2008 Winner – 3rd Place, Scenic Shots Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, **DO NOT** make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

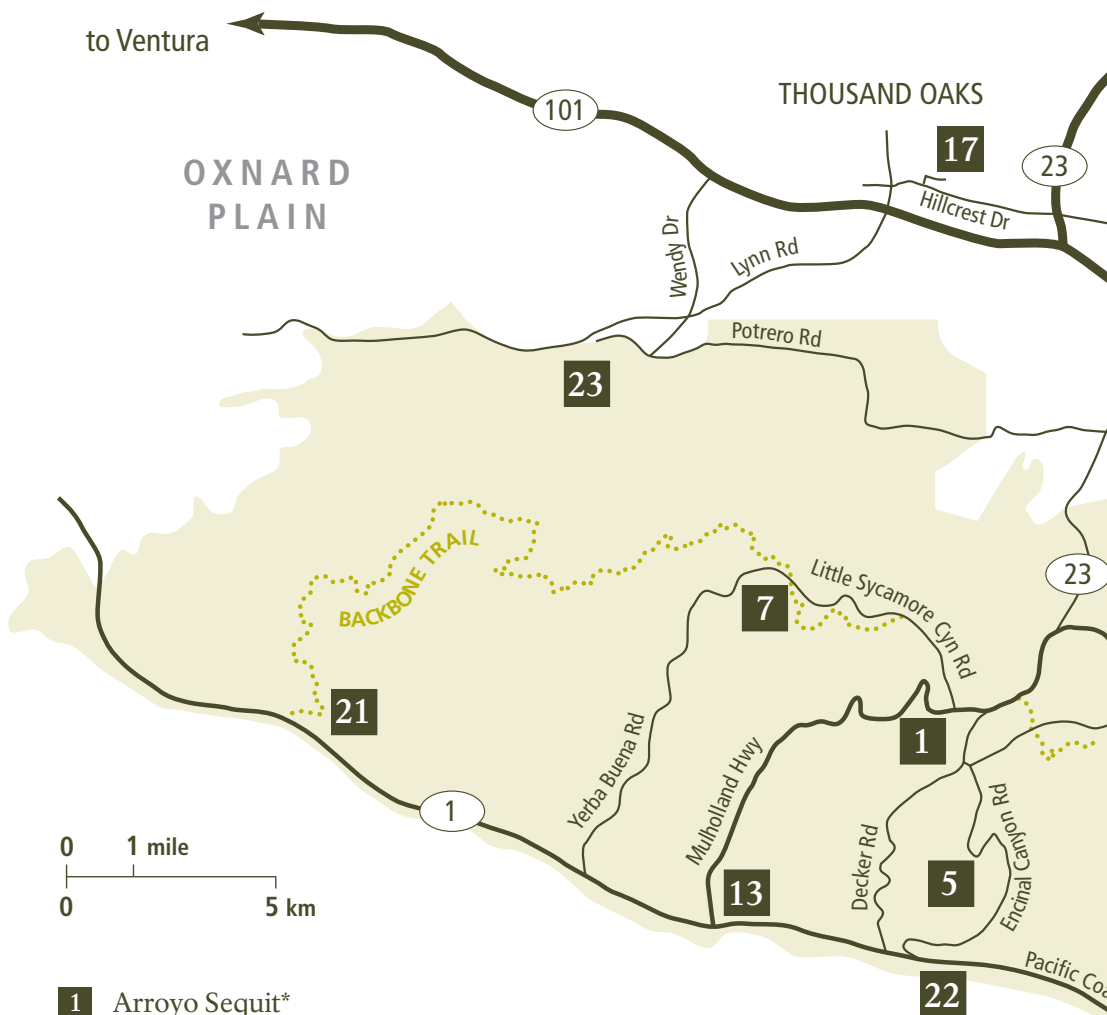
Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT from 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open on SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Park grounds open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

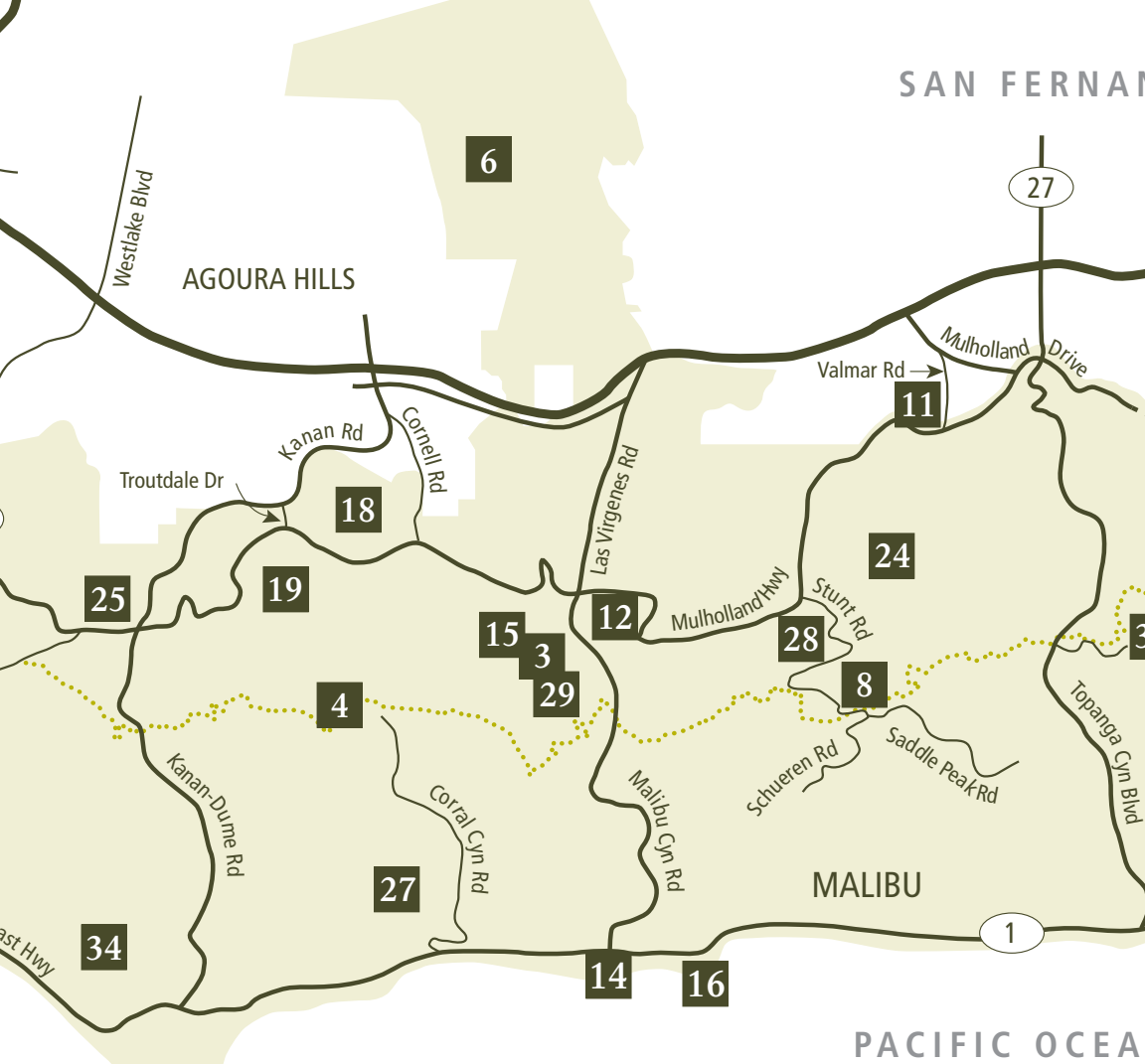
- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Cir. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 *National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 *Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 *Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
- 23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.
Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

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24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive to Rainsford Pl. Turn right on Rainsford to Bonsall Dr. Turn left on Bonsall Dr. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

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